Add new claim 29 as follows,

Method of treating a disease comprising the steps of:

- (i) preparing a compound according to one of claims 1 to 9 in the alternative,
- (ii) contracting said compound with nucleic acids to form a nucleolipid

complex, and

(iii) transferring said complex into cells by an intramuscular route.

It is respectfully requested that the present preliminary amendment be taken into consideration prior to the calculation of any fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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